

TOWN OF EATONIA
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

Minutes of the public hearing held on the 13th day of May 2025 in the Town Council Chambers at 202 Main Street, Eatonia, Saskatchewan.

PRESENT:

Mayor Darcy Scott, Deputy Mayor Dean Aldridge, Councillors Damion Smith, Barbara Cherniwchan, Darren Donald, Neil Specht, Administrator Cheryl Bailey and Administrative Assistant Victoria Munroe

ABSENT:

None

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING:

The Council of the Town of is considering establishing an off-leash dog park on Block R3, Plan 82MJ15180, Ext 9 as per the highlighted section on the map below:



This public hearing was held in conjunction with the town council regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers.

Notice was given by regular mail to all owners of property within 75 meters of the boundary of the proposed location, published in the May 2025 Eatonia News Bulletin (monthly bulletin that goes into all post office boxes in the area). Public notice was also posted in the Town of Eatonia Office and Post Office Lobby.

OPEN THE HEARING:

Mayor Darcy Scott opened the hearing at 7:00 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE HEARING:

There were three written comments emailed, mailed or delivered to the town office prior to the hearing and one written comment brought to the meeting.

No one from the public contacted the town office to schedule a time to make a verbal submission by phone for the council to hear their concerns or suggestions on the proposed dog park.

Fifteen people from the public attended the hearing to comment on the proposed dog park. The following are comments from the public who attended the meeting:

Pros for a dog park:

- Feel that a dog park will add value to the community.
- People play fetch with their dogs in that area already and it is unfenced.
- Responsible dog owners will look after their dogs.
- Children are supervised on the playground while at school and dogs will be supervised when going to the park.
- More accessible for everyone including the elderly; you can walk to the proposed dog park.
- It is a sheltered space with trees.
- There are proven benefits for a dog park.
- It is an established grassed area which is good for dogs to run on.
- The town already cuts the grass on the proposed area.
- Proposed area is one acre but would not necessarily need to use the whole space.
- Felt that it increases the value of property.

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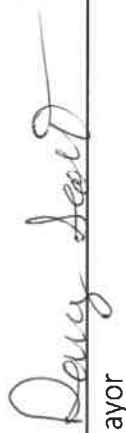
Cons against a dog park:

- Not for or against a dog park but feel the proposed location is not ideal.
- Feel that there may be other locations that may be more suitable.
- Alternate locations are the southwest corner of the sports grounds, on Railway Avenue across the highway, the parcel between Peter's Court and Nutrien. Sports grounds would be a good location as it is near the campground and easily accessible for people camping.
- Feel that it is too close to the school and the playground where children play.
- A dog park will devalue property in Peter's Court.
- The dog park will smell and be noisy and people will be loitering.
- Feel that once the dog park is established it will be dumped back on the town to look after.
- The proposed site does not have anywhere to park for anyone driving there.
- A safety issue with the school yard abutting the proposed area.

CLOSE THE HEARING:

The hearing was closed at 7:40 p.m. and the regular meeting was called to order.

Discussion on the proposed dog park was discussed at the regular meeting of council on May 13, 2025, after the public hearing was closed.



Mayor



Administrator